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KC WOMAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was sentenced in federal court today for her role in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

Sara A. Armendariz, 18, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to four years in federal prison without parole.

On March 2, 2004, **Armendariz** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Armendariz** admitted that she conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Nov. 11, 2003, and Nov. 13, 2003.

During the conspiracy, law enforcement officers recovered 394.64 grams of methamphetamine, Graves said.

Armendariz is one of three co-defendants who have pleaded guilty to a role in the methamphetamine conspiracy.

Anthony M. Quinones, 31, and **Roderick J. Rangle**, 22, both of Kansas City, also pleaded guilty.

On March 2, 2004, **Rangle** pleaded guilty to maintaining a place of residence for the purpose of distributing methamphetamine between Nov. 11, 2003, and Nov. 13, 2003. On June 2, 2004, **Rangle** was sentenced to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On March 23, 2004, **Quinones** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Nov. 11, 2003, and Nov. 13, 2003.

Each of the co-defendants was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal

grand jury on Nov. 18, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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